

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the December 30, 2009 Office Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 12, 17, and 20-29, are now pending, with claims 1, 12, and 17 being independent claims. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 12, 17, 20-22, 24, and 26-27 have been amended. Claims 28 and 29 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the originally-filed disclosure and, for example at least at page 39, line 9 to page 41, line 23 of the specification. Thus, Applicant submits that the amendments do not include new matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,238 to Furukawa in view of Japanese Patent JP 06-264651 to Kon and U.S. Patent No. 6,069,706 to Kajita et al. Claims 5 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa and Kon in view of Kajita et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,795,829 to Alsop. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the features of a counting unit that counts a page outputting number for the first operation mode, a timing unit that times an operation time for the second operation mode, a memory unit that stores a power consumption amount per page for the first operation mode and a power consumption amount per unit time for the second operation mode, a calculation unit that calculates a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus by multiplying the power consumption amount per page stored by said memory unit and the

page outputting number counted by said counting unit and by multiplying the power consumption amount per unit time stored by said memory unit and the operation time timed by said timing unit, and a preparation unit that prepares statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus calculated by said calculation unit. Applicant submits that the cited documents do not disclose or suggest at least these features.

A benefit of the invention as recited in Claim 1 is that the power consumption amount is calculated by different calculation modes for respective operation modes. In other words, the invention counts the page outputting number for the first mode which involves print data output, and times the operation time for the second operation mode which does not involve print data output, and then calculates the power consumption amount by multiplying the power consumption amount per page and the counted pages or by multiplying the power consumption amount per unit time and the operation time.

Applicant submits that none of the cited art, whether taken individually or in combination, disclose or suggest a the above-mentioned features, as recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the calculating feature recited in independent Claim 1. Independent Claims 12 and 17 recite a similar feature and are believed patentable for reasons similar to independent Claim 1. The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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